

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-58 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The changes to the claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-5, 30-31 and 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,418,853) in view of Thompson et al. (U.S. Patent 4,716,588) and Ryan '787 (U.S. Patent 5,574,787). Claims 3 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, and Okamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,627,655). Claims 6, 7, 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson Ryan '787, and Dieterich (U.S. Patent No. 4,308,577). Claims 8 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson Ryan '787, and Horton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,945,563). Claims 9 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Kamitake (U.S. Patent No. 4,751,732), and Saito (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,933). Claims 10 and 39 were rejected under 35

U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Kamitake, Saito and Yamauchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,668,873). Claims 11-15, 22, 24-26, 40-44, 51 and 53-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Ryan (U.S. Patent No. 4,631,603), and Ryan (U.S. Patent No. 4,695,901). Claims 16-18, 23, 45-47 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota, in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Ryan '603, Ryan '901, and further in view of Ryan (U.S. Patent No. 4,577,216). Claims 19, 27, 48 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Ryan '603, Ryan '901, and further in view of Horton. Claims 20, 28, 49 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Ryan '603, Ryan '901, Kamitake, and Saito. Claims 21, 29, 50 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanota in view of Thompson, Ryan '787, Ryan '603, Ryan '901, Kamitake, Saito, and further in view of Yamauchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,668,873).

However, in the present invention "said pre-set conversion operation for said analog signal includes a color burst inverting operation in which the phase of a front part of a color burst signal in said analog signal is inverted" (Claims 1, 11, 22, 30, 40, and 51) This color burst inverting operation is shown in Figure 15 and disclosed in the Specification at pages 50-51. Applicants believe that none of the cited references discloses an analogous color burst phase reversal process and therefore fail to meet the "color burst inverting operation" limitation as required by amended claims 1-58.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, any combination of Kanota, Thompson, Okamoto, Dieterich, Horton, Kamitake, Saito, Yamauchi, Ryan '787, Ryan '603, Ryan '901 and Ryan '216 fails to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

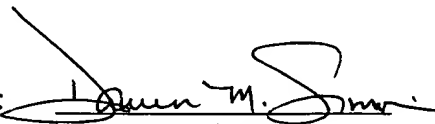
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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